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SUBJECT: R/V ENDEAVOR CLEARANCE REQUEST 13 JUNE-9 JULY 1977

1. R/V ENDEAVOR, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND AND FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN THE GULF OF MEXICO INCLUDING THE TERRITIRIAL SEA OF MEXICO. PURPOSE OF THE RESEARCH IS TO CONDUCT SYSTEMATIC STD, NUTRIENT AND PHYTOPLANKTON ABUNDANCE SURVEYS TO DESCRIBE THE PHYSICAL/CHEMICAL/BIOLOGICAL FIELDS.

2. BASED ON THE DATA COLLECTED, FLORISTIC AND NUTRIENT GRADIENTS EXTENDING FROM OLIGOTROPHIC (GULF OF MEXICO) TO NUTRIENT-RICH, UPWELLED WATERS (CAMPECHE BANK) WILL BE ESTABLISHED. VARIOUS EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES ON THE PHYSIOLOGICAL ECOLOGY OF MARINE PHYTOPLANKTON WILL BE INITIATED, INCLUDING IN SITU GROWTH, PRODUCTION, PHYSIOLOGICAL STATE AND YIELD MEASUREMENTS. EQUIPMENT TO BE USED INCLUDES STD, ROSETTE SAMPLER, PLANKTON NET, XBT SYSTEM, NISKIN  
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BOTTLES, REVERSING THERMOMETERS, AND DISSOLVED OXYGEN APPARATUS.

3. CHIEF SCIENTIST IS DR. T. J. SMAYDA AND THERE IS A SCIENTIFIC PARTY OF 15. CAPTAIN OF THE VESSEL IS

HERBERT P. BENNETT, JR. WITH A CREW OF 12. BERTHS ARE

AVAILABLE FOR TWO GOM PARTICIPANTS AND ALL DATA RESULTS  
WILL BE FREELY SHARED. A SHIP'S TRACK IS BEING POUCHED.

4. R/V ENDEAVOR IS 385 GROSS TONS, 177 FT. LONG, AND  
HAS A 17.5 FT. DRAFT. SHIP MONITORS 156.8 MHZ  
CONTINUOUSLY AT SEA AND SSB CHANNEL 10. RADIO CALL  
SIGN IS WVFQ.

5. URI HAS INVITED SERGIO LICEA DURAN OF CENTRO DE  
CIENCIAS DEL MAR Y LIMNOLOGIA TO PARTICIPATE ON THE  
CRUISE.

6. ACTION: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO SEEK CLEARANCE  
FOR R/V ENDEAVOR TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH  
IN GOM TERRITORIAL WATERS FROM 13 JUNE - 9 JULY 1977.

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